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*State Of Maine  
122nd Legislature*

*First Regular Session and  
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*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife*

*August 2005*

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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
August 2005

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing select committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. A subject index for each committee is included immediately before the bill summaries for that committee, and a numerical index by LD number is included at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

- CARRIED OVER ..... Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session
CON RES XXX..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES..... House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY..... Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Bill failed to get majority vote
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT..... Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP..... Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP ND..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OTP ND/NT..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PUBLIC XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED..... Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 29, 2005; and for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session is September 17, 2005.

# Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

**LD 50**

**An Act To Ban Remote-control Hunting**

**PUBLIC 81**

|                                     |                                   |                                    |
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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u><br>CARR<br>CLUKEY | <u>Committee Report</u><br>OTP-AM | <u>Amendments Adopted</u><br>H-110 |
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LD 50 was a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. It proposed to ban remote-control hunting.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-110)** proposed to replace the bill and prohibit the owner or operator of a commercial shooting area or a commercial large game shooting area from using a website or a service or business via any other means that would permit a person to hunt large game, wild animals or game birds that are located in this State through the use of a computer-controlled gun, shooting apparatus or any other remote-control device when the person using the website, service or business is physically removed from the immediate vicinity of the large game, wild animal or game bird. This amendment would make a violation of this prohibition a Class E crime.

## *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2005, chapter 81 prohibits the owner or operator of a commercial shooting area or a commercial large game shooting area from using a website or a service that allows a person to hunt large game, wild animals or game birds that are located in this State through the use of a computer-controlled gun or shooting apparatus when the person using the website or service is physically removed from the immediate vicinity of the large game, wild animal or game bird.

**LD 67**

**An Act To Allow the Use of Crossbows for Hunting**

**PUBLIC 419**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u><br>MOODY | <u>Committee Report</u><br>OTP-AM MAJ<br>ONTP MIN | <u>Amendments Adopted</u><br>H-152 |
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LD 67 proposed to remove the prohibition against using a crossbow or set bow to hunt a wild animal or wild bird.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-152)** proposed to replace the bill and would:

1. Allow the use of crossbows to hunt bear and deer during the regular firearms season on those species and clarify that a person would not be able to use a crossbow to hunt deer during an expanded season or in expanded archery zones or in the muzzle-only deer season;
2. Establish a crossbow hunting license and fees;
3. Require a person to hold a valid big game hunting license to be eligible for a crossbow hunting license;
4. Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules regulating the use of crossbows for hunting that would include a prohibition against the use of pistol-type crossbows or crossbows with a draw weight of less than 100 pounds or more than 200 pounds;
5. Require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish a crossbow hunting education course;